

May 15, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Gary Brown, Chairman, Tempe

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 23, 2000, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or Stuart Boggs at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2000</u>	2. Approve minutes of April 25, 2000.
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	
4. <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u>	

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.

4. For information and discussion.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

5. For information.

CONSENT AGENDA

*6. Availability of Transportation Enhancement Funds

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Transportation Enhancement Funds are now available statewide for the design and implementation of pedestrian, bicycle, historic preservation and other projects that are related to the surface transportation system. Approximately \$13 million is available statewide this funding cycle: \$7.5 million for local projects and \$5.5 million for state projects. Applications for projects in the MAG Region are due to MAG by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2000. The Enhancement Fund Working Group will evaluate the applications for the MAG region in August. Applications will be available from MAG. A workshop to explain the enhancement fund process and eligibility requirements will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. at MAG. For additional information or questions, please call Dawn M. Coomer, MAG staff, at (602) 254-6300.

6. For information.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

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| 7. <u>Report on the MAG Freeway Program</u>

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program. The status of the FY 2001-2007 Life Cycle Program will be reviewed. | 7. For information and discussion. |
| 8. <u>ADOT Revised Noise Abatement Policy</u>

ADOT revised and adopted its noise abatement policy in March 2000. This policy change could constitute a material cost change for new freeways and therefore requires MAG review and possible action.

The revised policy clarifies a number of definitions related to noise abatement, lowers the dBA threshold, and increases the average travel speed used to determine if sound mitigation is needed. The guideline for the maximum amount spent was increased from \$15,000 to \$35,000 per unit. A copy of the new ADOT Noise Policy is attached. | 8. For information and discussion. |
| 9. <u>MAG Regional Transportation Plan</u>

With the acceleration of the MAG Freeway Program to 2007, a key component of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan is being completed. The development of a new MAG Regional Transportation Plan is envisioned to provide a blueprint for transportation improvements in the MAG region over the next twenty years. It is anticipated that the Plan will provide the basis for future Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs). All transportation modes will be addressed by the plan. | 9. For information and discussion. |

The concept for the new Regional Transportation Plan is to identify critical needs that will keep this region competitive in the new economy and provide for a high quality of life in this region. The plan will provide a policy and funding framework that identify and prioritize transportation investments and programs that will be undertaken over the twenty-year life of the plan. The attached flow chart and memorandum describes a general concept for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan. Input on this concept will be requested from the TRC. Following a discussion with the TRC, Modal Committees will be requested to also provide input into the concept for developing the Plan.

10. FY 2001 Community Outreach Process

In 1994, the MAG Regional Council adopted a public involvement process in accord with Federal requirements. The process includes early phase, mid phase, and final phase opportunities for public involvement. In 1998, the MAG Regional Council adopted the following enhanced process:

- Stakeholders meetings
- A joint MAG/ADOT meeting
- Update of policy guidelines
- Management Systems Report

MAG staff will discuss the FY 2001 community outreach process.

11. I-10 Design Concept Study and Environmental Study Status

ADOT has initiated the development of a Design Concept Report and Environmental Study for the widening of I-10 from Maricopa Road south to the I-8 Junction. Widening of the corridor between Chandler

10. For information and discussion.

11. For information and discussion.

Boulevard and Riggs Road is part of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for completion in the 2008 to 2020 timeframe. The scoping meeting for this project was held in December 1999 and work on the study has started. An overview and current status of the project will be given. Other potential competing transportation investments in this time period will also be discussed.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled TRC meeting is Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information.